

Farndon Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
2nd JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM, IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, FARNDON.**

Present: Cllr P Fish, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr J Hillyer, Cllr M Jones, Cllr L Morris, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr S Rowlandson (Chairman), Cllr K Wakefield and Cllr H Williams.

In attendance: 7 members of the public and Mrs C Taylor (Temporary Clerk).

1.18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr F Henderson and Cllr N Lewis.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

2.18 GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Members of the public present at the meeting expressed concerns regarding the current operational situation regarding the C56 bus service following the demise of the bus operator D Jones. The Chairman outlined the present position as referred to at Item 11.18 on the Agenda. Residents may consider setting up a petition.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Cllr Greenwood and relay residents deep concerns.

3.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made.

4.18 COMMUNITY SAFETY.

No member of the Community Safety team was in attendance.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the police requesting their presence at the next meeting, provision of an interim monthly report for December and dates of future police surgeries in Lewis's coffee shop.

5.18 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Greenwood.

Resolved: that the Clerk will seek clarification from CWAC as to whether enforcement action has yet been served on a chalet built without planning permission at the riverbank following a letter sent to Cllr Greenwood.

Resolved: that the Clerk write to Cllr Greenwood expressing residents and parish council concern regarding the future of the C56 bus service.

6.18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th December 2017 were confirmed as a correct record (subject to the amendment of the date at 195.17 to read 7th November) and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Fish, seconded by Cllr Williams.

7.18 MATTERS ARISING (In the absence of a clerk's report)

Part 1

(199.17) 106 funds for Churton Road.

Resolved: that the clerk submit a letter stating preferences as listed to Cllr Greenwood and Helena Crawford, CWAC Highways.

(200.17) Cremation Garden Boundary.

Resolved: that a letter be sent to the resident stating that the Parish Council will pay half the cost of the new fence and all the planting.

(201.17) Road surface in Brewery Lane.

Resolved: that a letter be sent to Cllr Greenwood supporting any action to alleviate the situation.

Noted: Constituency MP has raised the matter with the Chief Executive of CWAC.

(207.17) Cycle/walking track around the playing field.

Noted: The fencing contract has been awarded and work will be carried out as soon as weather permits. The Chairman had been in touch with the Sports Club at Ashton Heyes who had confirmed that ongoing maintenance of the surface would be required. This information to be relayed to the Farndon Community Club Trustees.

8.18 PLANNING.

Applications:

17/04616/FUL Land to rear of Del Rio and Rivercrest, Townfield Lane, Farndon. Construction of greenhouse, fish food store, barn and fish holding tanks.

Previously resolved (197.17): No objections as appeared to be retrospective. Decision still awaited.

17/04884/FUL Land at Masons Close, erection of one house.

Previously resolved (197.17): Objection raised. Decision still awaited.

Decisions: None.

9.18 FINANCE.

Resolved: that all matters be deferred until next meeting.

10.18 BUDGET.

Resolved: that the Finance Working Group would meet to discuss prior to presenting the final budget proposal to the full Committee at the February meeting for approval.

Noted: Members requested the following be taken into consideration as part of the budget setting process;

*Cremation Garden

*Burial Ground (Edward Barnston stated that this would depend largely on timescale and that the Budget Panel should consider an estimated cost of 8/10K).

*Defibrillator (potential cost of batteries/paddles/servicing)

*Community Club (Financing not anticipated and would be in the form of a loan rather than a grant in the event of an emergency).

*Grounds Maintenance Grant Increase (20 ft. of scrub requires removing on the south border of the playing field to improve to a standard that the Community Club would require adjacent to a running track).

11.18 C56 BUS SERVICE.

Noted: CWAC had confirmed that Stagecoach would be operating the C56 service under contract to Wrexham Borough Council until 31 March 2018.

During this period the service would be reviewed in terms of current service offered and funding. Cheshire West would continue to support this valuable service as per the original agreement.

There were two journeys that would not be provided by Stagecoach, as follows: 09.05 and 16.45 from Chester and this would be the case for the period of the contract.

Resolved: that the Chairman/Clerk would write to Cllr Greenwood supporting the continued need for a full bus service to Wrexham and Chester and to express concern regarding the loss of the early morning/late afternoon service.

12.18 DEFIBRILLATOR

Resolved: Clerk to make further enquiries regarding cost and requirements to consider at the next meeting with a view to going ahead if budget permitted. Further, to explore positioning of defibrillator and refer to in future Newsletter.

13.18 CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS AND INVITATIONS.

Nothing received not already reported on.

14.18 NEW BURIAL GROUND.

Nothing further to report not already discussed.

15.18 FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB

Cllr Hillyer reported that the focus was now on the refurbishment of the main hall and a grant application was in process. The provision of a gym was under future consideration.

16.8 STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

The following highways issues were reported/discussed:

A letter had been received from a resident expressing concerns regarding parking in Church Street.

Resolved: that the Clerk would acknowledge the letter and contact CWAC Highways for a suggested solution.

Letter to resident regarding Cremation Garden Boundary discussed and approved.

Resolved: Chairman to send the letter to resident.

Hedge at Ivy Cottage, Barton Road reported as maintained but obstructing pavement.

Resolved: Clerk to report to CWAC.

Laurel hedge at the Paddock, Church Lane reported as in need of cutting back.

Resolved: Clerk to report to CWAC.

Overgrown hedge at Doctors Lane needs to be addressed.

Resolved: Include in Grounds Maintenance contract going forward.

Resident raised concern regarding rubbish in road at Barnston Court.

Resolved: Cllr Griffiths to advise resident that a specific location is required before the Parish Council can raise with the Local Authority.

A member expressed concern regarding refuse being left on the roads after the rubbish collections.

Resolved: Clerk to write to CWAC.

Clerk expressed concern regarding traffic related incidents at the cross roads at Sibbersfield Lane/Crewe Lane South.

Resolved: Noted. Issue has been raised before with no actions forthcoming.

17.18 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7.30pm.